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SUBJ: CLC PLANNING NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST

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1. AS ANTICIPATED, CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS (CLC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO CONDUCT "NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST" IN RESPONSE TO PRIME MINISTER'S REFUSAL TO SET SPECIFIC TERMINATION DATE FOR WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS DURING GOC-CLC MEETING AUGUST 6 (SEE REFTEL). ACTUAL DATE FOR NATIONWIDE PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER DETAILS WILL BE FINALIZED AT AUGUST 12 MEETING OF ALL CLC AFFILIATED UNIONS. CLC PRESIDENT MORRIS TOLD LABATT THAT AUGUST 6 MEETING WITH CABINET WAS NOT ALTOGETHER NEGATIVE (ALTHOUGH PM'S INSISTENCE THAT RATE OF INFLATION MUST APPROACH 4 PERCENT BEFORE CONTROLS ARE LIFTED "IS UNREALISTIC") SINCE TRUDEAU AGREED TO INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKING AND TO CONSULT WITH PROVINCES PRIOR TO FIRST TRIPARTITE (GOC, BUSINESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND LABOR) WHICH ON CLC'S INSISTENCE WILL NOT BE

CALLED UNTIL AFTER DAY OF PROTEST.

2. MORRIS UNDERSCORED LIMITED AND PEACEFUL NATURE
OF PROTEST ACTION, NOTING THAT AVOIDANCE OF STRIKE
TERMINOLOGY IS INTENDED TO DISSUADE RADICAL ELEMENTS
FROM EXTENDING WORK STOPPAGE BEYOND 24 HOURS, WHILE
AT SAME TIME BROADENING BASE OF PARTICIPANTS
TO INCLUDE NON-AFFILIATED UNIONS SUCH AS TEACHER
FEDERATIONS, PROVINCIAL CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATIONS
AS WELL AS STUDENTS AND PENSIONERS.
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